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Subject: Strong opposition even to the latest Microsoft offer

I heard today on the news that Microsoft wants to donate a billions dollars worth of computer equipment to schools as an upgrade to their settlement offer. I don't know the details but it seems pretty obvious how this would be money well spent for Microsoft to continue their monopoly. Yet another self serving "Microsoft Foundation".

Microsoft is never going to agree to fair and severe punishment. Trying to appease them is major mistake.

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> If not for "political" and competitor's "survival" aspects regarding this case, Microsoft would be, and should be, severely punished. The agreed to "slap on the wrist" punishments are a joke and if Microsoft's competitors and (even) business allies would speak freely there would be double the evidence and vocal disdain against Microsoft. Microsoft's continued failure to acknowledge their past behavior should have an affect on the punishment. If there is anything I would NOT worry about, it is that severely punishing Microsoft would harm others. Even in the short term, most of even the strongest proposed remedies would be better for almost everyone. In the long run, we all gain and we would then have a precedent that shows you can't get away with illegal and unethical business practices. The proposed agreement is a big win for business thugs everywhere.

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